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LULAC Rainbow Council Summit Focuses on Improving Social Justice for People of Color

Dallas, TX (Sept. 16, 2015) – The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Rainbow Council of Dallas will sponsor its 4th Annual LGBTQ Summit on Saturday, Oct. 17, 2015 at the Cathedral of Hope (5910 Cedar Springs Dr.) in Dallas. The free Summit will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The theme for this year's Summit is "Leaders Building Their Communities." The Summit will focus on the work of non-profits focused on social justice issues that affect the LGBTQ community and will feature local, regional, and nationally-known speakers. The participants will also learn how they can become engaged in battling inequality.

This year's keynote speaker will be Trans Latina Immigrant Activist and Founding Member of Familia Trans Queer Liberation Movement Jennicet Gutierrez. Her recent interruption of President Obama at the White House Pride Celebration has brought visibility to the deplorable conditions trans undocumented women face in immigration detention centers. Gutierrez's leadership in advocating for the trans and undocumented community has helped spur change in immigration policy.

"The LGBTQ Summit has become an important event for our Council to educate people in our community about important issues that affect us," said Juan Contreras, LULAC 4871 President. "By helping people understand how they can create change in their community, we can make our city, state, and nation more inclusive and compassionate."

The LGBTQ Summit will include sessions on health and wellness, transgender issues, immigration, domestic violence, and youth homelessness. Speakers from several well-known organizations have agreed to present at the summit including representatives from AIDS Arms, Familia Trans Queer Liberation Movement, Transgender Education Network of Texas, National TransSaints, Proyecto Inmigrante, Casa de Esperanza: National Latin@ Network, Real Live Connection, and others. This year, the Summit will also feature an exhibition area for people to learn more about organizations in our area.

The Summit is open to anyone interested in making a difference in our community, not just LULAC members, but any person interested in fighting for full equality.

The Summit is being generously supported and sponsored by LULAC 4871, LULAC National Office, AIDS Healthcare Foundation, Planned Parenthood, Proyecto Inmigrante ICS, Inc., Equality Texas, AIDS Arms, Inc., Casa de Esperanza: National Latin@ Network, Hope for Peace & Justice, Lambda Legal, Texas Latino Gay Pride, Familia: Trans Queer Liberation Movement, QueerBomb Dallas, and Real Live Connection.

The inaugural Summit was held in 2012 and featured a keynote luncheon address by U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Texas Sarah Saldana. Nearly 50 activists and college students attended the first Summit at UT Dallas.

For more information about attending or being an exhibitor at the 4th Annual LGBTQ Summit visit LULAC4871.org or e-mail LULAC4871@gmail.com. Registration is free and includes a breakfast and lunch.

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The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) is the nation's largest and oldest volunteer-based organization that empowers Hispanic Americans and builds strong Latino communities. Headquartered in Washington, DC, with 900 councils around the United States and Puerto Rico, LULAC's programs, services and advocacy address the most important issues for Latinos, meeting critical needs of today and the future. LULAC 4871 – The Dallas Rainbow Council was created in May 2006 to advocate for full equality for the LGBT and Latino communities. The Council has received several awards including the 2010 National LULAC Council of the Year.